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New U.S. Patent Application for
TAPE APPLICATION DEVICE
being a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Serial Number 08/694,338,
filed August 8, 1996.
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Continuation-In-Part of the U.S. Patent Application, Serial Number 08/694,338, which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 8, 1996, and claimed the priority of Japanese Application No. 205882/1995, filed August 11, 1995. A certified copy of Japanese Application No. 205882/1995 is on file in the prior application.

ENCLOSURES

1. Specification, a title page and an Abstract - 48 pages, including 2 independent claims and 20 claims total.
2. Drawings - 15 sheets of FORMAL drawings containing 15 figures.
3. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration and paying the filing fee of \$770.00.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Application Nos. 205882/1995 and 338232/1996, filed August 11, 1995 and December 18, 1996 respectively.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

Respectfully submitted,

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